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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, MISSION OFFICER LEARNED
FOLLOWING RE STATUS OF SUBJECT POSITION FROM SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL
SECRETARIAT SOURCES:

A) AT CLOSING DATE FOR CANDIDACIES DEC 31, 27 PERSONS
HAD APPLIED FOR POSITION;

B) OF THESE, EIGHT WERE IN-HOUSE, INCLUDING MALEK-ASGHAR,
KOMPLITA (PRESENT ACTING TCD DIRECTOR) AND ALL BUT ONE P-4 IN
TCD INCLUDING WILLIAM PIERCE, US (ASIDE FROM KOMPLITA, NO TCD
EMPLOYEES ARE HIGHER THAN P-4).

C) NINETEEN CANDIDATES WERE SUBMITTED BY NUMEROUS
ADMINISTRATIONS AMONG THEM SWITZELAND, NORWAY, INDIA, EGYPT,
BELGIUM,UK,CANDA,BANGLADESH,USSR,SYRIA AND FRANCE;
SEVERAL SUBMITTED MORE THAN ONE; ITU OFFICIALS WERE MOST
RELUCTANT TO GIVE OUT NAMES OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED
ABOVE; AND

D) COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETS THURSDAY, JAN 22
TO DISCUSS CANDIDATES AND TO PRODUCE A "SHORT LIST" OF
ABOUT FIVE OF BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. SYG MILI WILL THEN
SLECT BEST QUALIFIED OF THESE AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH
VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

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2. PURSUANT TO REFTEL MISOFF SPOKE TO MALKE-ASGHAR AND

SHARES DEPARTMENT'S HIGH REGARD FOR HIS TALENTS AND QUALITIES. NEVERTHELESS FACT REMAINS THAT MALEK-ASGHAR, WHO NOW MANAGES THREE-MAN UNIT IN CCITT, WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MANAGE SECOND LARGEST UNIT IN SECRETARIAT (ABOUT 100 PEOPLE IN HQ PLUS NUMEROUS EXPERTS IN FIELD) AND WE HAVE LEARNED THAT MILI IS MORE INTERESTED IN FIRM, EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR RATHER THAN POLICY MAN OR TECHNICIAN. GIVEN THIS WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS WHETHER MALEK-ASGHAR WOULD MAKE "SHORT LIST".

3. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT MUST KEEP IN MIND FACTOR OF PEIERC'S CANDIDACY. ALTHOUGH PIERCE HAS NOT ADVISED MISSION HE IS CANDIDATE, WE INFORMED BY SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL OFFICIAL THAT THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL SITUATION AND THAT IN CASES OF IN-HOUSE APPLICATIONS, CANDIDATES USUALLY LET RECORDS SPEAK FOR ITSELF AND DO NOT REQUEST INTERVENTION BY THEIR HOME ADMINISTRATIONS.

4. GIVEN FOREGOING, MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD NOT BE IN APPROPRIATE FOR US TO SIMPLY SIT THIS ONE OUT AT LEAST UNTIL SHORT LIST IS KNOWN AND TO MAKE INTERVENTION, IF IT IS DECIDED TO DO SO, AT THAT TIME. DALE

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